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PREPARE FOR RECORD VOTE AT PRIMARIES

Democrats Lead in Registration of Million and a Quarter

With midnight tonight, July 19, the deadline for voters to register for the August primaries, the latest figures available from the office of the registrar, W. M. Kerr, showed a grand total of 1,283,285 registrations for Los Angeles county. The Democrats lead by a majority of 87,399 over the Republicans.

There are 637,955 Democrats and 550,559 Republicans registered. In Los Angeles city there are 377,864 Democrats and 295,986 Republicans. Los Angeles city has 731,015 voters and the remainder of the county 552,270.

The board of supervisors is to accommodate what is expected to be a record-breaking vote at the primaries, August 23. Three thousand voting booths have been ordered from the Sun Lumber Company. This company made a low bid of \$493 for the booths, which was \$400 less than a bid made by the mechanical department of the county.

The Plumbing Sheet Metal Products Company offered a low bid of \$2381 for 1000 ballot boxes and this was accepted by the board.

Another phase of the preparation is the mailing of more than 1,300,000 sample ballots to voters. It will take 300 persons 15 days to complete this big mailing job. The ballots are to be sent out between August 3 and 23.

The work of preparing the ballots has been greater than ever this year, according to Registrar Kerr, because of the increased number of candidates who have filed nominating petitions.

The race for state, county and municipal offices has been entered by 1800 candidates.

Kerr also pointed out that it was necessary to print 3607 different polling slips for the same number of precincts in the county.

Administrator Hugh S. Johnson Expected Friday

General Hugh S. Johnson, national NRA administrator, will speak at the Hollywood Bowl, Friday afternoon, July 20, at 3:30 o'clock.

NRA Head and Postmaster General Farley to Address Southland

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Mrs. Ted Wertz Injured Saturday

Mrs. Ted Wertz, 1328 Amapola, was painfully injured Saturday afternoon in an automobile accident on Carson street at the intersection of Harvard, and is at her home recovering from fractured ribs and a possible hip fracture. Ted Wertz, who was driving, was also injured though less seriously than his wife.

Homecoming For Colder Planned Next Tuesday

Public Invited to Meeting; Congressman to Discuss the New Deal

Honorable Charles J. Colder, congressman of the 17th California district, embracing Torrance and Lomita, will be the principal speaker at a homecoming and public meeting to be held in his honor under the auspices of the Young Democratic Club of San Pedro at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 24, in the auditorium of the San Pedro high school, 12th and Gaffey streets.

This will be the first public appearance of the Congressman since his return from his duties at Washington, D. C. He will speak on the New Deal as an issue in the coming campaign.

The Young Democratic Club has arranged a splendid program. The club's orchestra will play and additional entertainment will be presented. The public is invited to attend and many friends of the Congressman have indicated their intention of attending.

Polling Places Are Listed For Aug. Primaries

Twelve Voting Places Will Be Established For Torrance, Eight In Lomita

Twelve polling places will be used in the coming primaries, to be held on August 23, when candidates for state, national, county and township offices will be nominated.

Eight precincts are set up for Torrance, and the same number in Lomita, and the same number in Gardena township and city. The list is as follows:

- Torrance City Precincts
- No. 1, Polling Place, Residence, 18211 Pacific avenue.
- No. 2 (with which is consolidated Victor Precinct), Polling Place, Residence, 1826 Cedar avenue.
- No. 3, Polling Place, Residence, 1068 North Arlington avenue.
- No. 4, Polling Place, Residence, 1518 Marcellina avenue.
- No. 5, Polling Place, Residence, 1313 Portola avenue.
- No. 6, Polling Place, Residence, 2275 Torrance boulevard.
- No. 7, Polling Place, Residence, 1417 Cota avenue.
- No. 8, Polling Place, Residence, 1731 Arlington avenue.
- No. 9, Polling Place, Residence, 1991 Andree avenue.
- No. 10, Polling Place, Residence, 845 Narbonne avenue.
- No. 11, Polling Place, Residence, 2009 Arlington avenue.
- No. 12, Polling Place, Residence, 2456 Hawthorne boulevard.

- Lomita Precincts
- No. 1, Polling Place, Residence, 2035 24th street.
- No. 2, Polling Place, Residence, 24647 Moon street.
- No. 3, Polling Place, Residence, 2571 25th street.
- No. 4, Polling Place, Residence, 25503 Lucille avenue.
- No. 5, Polling Place, Residence, 35298 Narbonne avenue.
- No. 6, Polling Place, Residence, 25707 Walnut street.
- No. 7, Polling Place, Residence, 26111 Oak street.
- No. 8, Polling Place, Office, Casa Prima.

- Gardena Precincts
- No. 1, Polling Place, Residence, 150 West 127th street.
- No. 2, Polling Place, Residence, 200, Gardena boulevard.
- Gardena City Precincts
- No. 1, Polling Place, Residence, 15414 South Western avenue.
- No. 2, Polling Place, Amestoy School, Compton and Vermont avenues.
- No. 3, Polling Place, Residence, 1103 16th street.
- No. 4, Polling Place, Moneta School, corner Gardena boulevard and Gramercy Place.
- No. 5 (with which are consolidated Illino and Norman Precincts), Polling Place, Residence, 18811 South Western avenue.
- No. 6, Polling Place, Store, 906 Gardena boulevard.

SALM MFG. COMPANY ON AIR 8:30 TONIGHT

Salm Manufacturing Company, pioneer Torrance industry, will broadcast a program between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock every Thursday evening, beginning tonight, to advertise the company's new product—Salm shell fishing bait. Mr. Salm will speak personally tonight and it is expected that he will give Torrance considerable publicity.

Back Home



HONORABLE CHARLES J. COLDER, popular Congressman from this district, was welcomed

the week after the adjournment of the New Deal Congress in Washington. He is temporarily confined to his home due to an infected foot, the result of too much tramping around the fair grounds at Chicago in a tightly laced shoe. In spite of the necessity of having to sit with his foot propped up on a stool, the Congressman was in his usual jovial mood and chatted with friends throughout the 17th district who came to pay their respects.

Miss Abbie Belle Colder, daughter and assistant secretary of the congressman at Washington, and Mrs. Colder, have also returned. Miss Colder will have charge of her father's office in San Pedro until the next session of Congress in January.

County Library Lease Renewed

Cut in Rental Makes Possible Stay in Same Quarters

The county branch library at Torrance will be continued at 1317 E. Prado street, by a recommendation of the county efficiency bureau adopted this week by the board of supervisors.

A reduction in the rental of the quarters has been made by the owner, the Traube-Pittman Corporation, and the location will be retained for library purposes, although the lease expired June 30. The property owners have agreed to accept \$55 a month rental, and the county will continue to rent it on a month-to-month basis. The county formerly paid \$65 a month rental under the lease, and was seriously considering a move to more reasonable quarters. It was learned.

With the reduction agreed to, there would be no justification in moving at this time, the efficiency bureau reported after an investigation. The new rental schedule should go into effect on July 1, the county decided.

A number of library locations may be changed throughout the county in order to effect economies for the library for the new fiscal year, it was learned at the bureau.

Torrance Girl Wins Gold Medal

Miss Polly Janet Bartlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett of 1618 Amapola avenue, won the gold medal oratorical contest held in connection with the missionary convention of the Evangelical churches of California at Glendale last week. The contest was a spirited one and the many friends of Miss Polly are congratulating her upon the splendid oration which won her the beautiful gold medal. Miss Bartlett will give her prize winning oration at the Central church next Sunday evening at 7:30 and all her friends are cordially invited to hear her.

Three Guardsmen Called From City

Mobilization of the 160th Infantry, California National Guard, called three young Torrance residents to duty early Monday morning. Two of them were trained for San Francisco where they will be on active service. The third was assigned to guard duty at the armory in Los Angeles.

SOUTH TORRANCE RESIDENTS WAIT APPROVAL OF SEWERS

Sanitation District No. 5 Applies to SERA For Labor Costs In Construction of Trunk Line Two Miles Long

Approval of the SERA was being awaited this week by County Sanitation District No. 5 upon its application for approximately \$30,000 in labor to construct the South Torrance trunk sewer, between Torrance and Lomita. Nearly two miles in length, the proposed sanitary sewer will serve several hundred dwellings, according to sanitation district engineers. The sewer would begin at 228th and Meyler streets, and proceed south and west in a zig-zag course to Narbonne avenue and 233rd street, according to the application.

Materials for construction of the sewer are to be furnished by the sanitation district, which also serves Gardena, Hawthorne, and Inglewood and adjacent communities. The SERA is asked to furnish only the labor. The pipe would be 15 inches in diameter. It is contended by engineers that

Assessed Valuation Figures For Torrance Show Drop of \$190,850

The new total assessed valuation for Torrance for 1934-35 is \$16,216,750, was announced today by Ed Hopkins, county assessor. This is a reduction of \$190,850 over the 1933-34 total assessed valuation of \$16,407,600, or 1.16 per cent.

These valuations are the non-operative values only, that is, the valuations to be used by the county board of supervisors. The various school districts and others as a basis for levying the new taxes. Analysis of new assessed valuation totals for the entire county show that the loss in valuation is principally in buildings, on which was written depreciation for age. They also show that there was a heavy increase in personal property.

The increase in personal property means that there is more property in the county than there was last year and does not mean that the personal property in the

Supervisors Seek Legal Method To Permit Payment of Taxes In Kind

Taxpayers may be able to pay a portion of their coming year's taxes in kind if Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough of the Second (Los Angeles) district can discover a legal way to permit payments in this manner, according to an announcement from his office today.

The supervisor pointed out that the county today has some \$15,000,000 due in delinquent taxes and the property owners concerned are without funds to make the required payments. He pointed out that the county would prefer not to be forced to seize the property upon which taxes are due.

"I am giving considerable study to see if we cannot legally accept payments in kind from people who actually haven't the money to meet their tax bills," McDonough says. "My thought is that on farm land producing vegetables, the property owner could deliver to the welfare department sufficient of his crop to cover the amount of his taxes.

"If he owns houses which are vacant but habitable, I cannot see why we could not place indigent families in those houses and credit the property owner with the amount of money which we would ordinarily give such families for rent. Or, if the property on which the taxes were delinquent comprise vacant lands, I cannot see why the county could not employ a justice to permit the unemployed to farm it. Here again we could give the property owner credit on the tax books for rent."

Jail Sentence For Petty Theft

James C. Morrin, 554 East 2nd street, Long Beach, plead guilty to a charge of petty theft when justice court this week, and was given 60 days in the county jail. He was charged with taking a belt from an oil well owned by the Pacific Western Oil Company. Another man involved in the affair was included in the charge but has not been apprehended.

HEN DOES HER PART TO END DEPRESSION

Out at the C. E. Harshman ranch at 213th and Grace streets, Keystone, they call her the hen that laid the egg. For a long time Mr. Harshman has noticed that one of his Rhode Island Red hens has daily been laying an egg with a double yolk. Yesterday an unusual amount of cackling summoned the owner of the hen to her nest where he found that Biddy had presented him with an egg of enormous size, which she seemed extremely proud. The egg was about the size of a good teacup, and seemed unusually heavy, so Mr. Harshman carefully broke a hole in one end of it to see just what Biddy had done in the egg-laying line this time. Out of it he poured the contents, white, and yolk, a single yolk this time, but the egg was still pretty heavy and Harshman looked into the shell. To his great surprise he found inside the shell another egg, complete as to shell and contents. "If I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't have believed it," he said.

Legion Officers To Be Installed Monday Night

Charles M. Smith of Lomita Heads Bert S. Crossland Post

New officers, recently elected by Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, will take over their responsibilities at an installation ceremony next Monday evening, July 23.

The affair will start with a dinner served at 6:30 p. m. Wilmington Post officers will do the installing.

Charles M. Smith, of Lomita, will be installed as commander, succeeding Percy A. Phoenix, and he will be assisted by Ray Cooke, first vice commander; James Brodie, second vice commander; Alex Erickson, sergeant-at-arms; Tim McPhail, chaplain; Robert J. Deisinger, flambeau officer; Baker Smith, historian; Jack Silva, service officer.

Members of the new executive committee are William Weichman, Percy A. Phoenix and Alex McPhail.

Delegates to the convention, which will be held at San Francisco in August, are William Weichman, Alex McPhail, Charles M. Smith, Percy A. Phoenix, with Dewey Goddard, William Edmonds, Ray Cooke and Tim Erickson as alternates.

Infant Son of Perry Quigley Taken By Death

Perry D. Quigley, year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Quigley, passed away early Wednesday morning, July 18, at the Jared Slatney Torrance Memorial hospital, from pneumonia, following an attack of chickenpox. The baby was taken to the hospital about midnight Tuesday night, and oxygen treatment was given for more than two hours, but the efforts to save the little life were unavailing.

Funeral services will be held from Stone & Myers chapel Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Speed officiating. Interment will be made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

DETROIT VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanger, 1605 Cota avenue, have as their house guest, Ferris Stone, of Detroit, Michigan.

Bids Opened On Reconstruction Of City Schools

Report On Proposals Is Expected In Ten Days; Work May Start August 1

Four bids, one of them within the estimate, were received on the proposal to reconstruct the Torrance high school when bids were opened, Wednesday by the Los Angeles board of education.

R. E. Campbell submitted the low bid of \$85,750 on the contract, nearly \$5000 under the estimate of the board's engineers, which placed it at \$90,400.

Five bids were received on the proposal to reconstruct and strengthen the Torrance elementary school, none of them within the engineers' estimates.

Debate Proposed Highway Control Plan At Meeting

President McIntyre Presides At Interesting Meeting At Chamber

The first membership meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at which its newly-elected president, Sherwood McIntyre, presided Tuesday evening, proved to be a very interesting session and was attended by about 40 people.

In his opening remarks, President McIntyre stated that the presence of representative citizens in the audience was an incentive to the directors to "carry on," and he reminded his hearers that the responsibility of taking an interest in civic affairs was as much that of the members generally as it was of the chamber directors.

Highlight of the evening was a discussion of the plan proposed by the Southern California Automobile Club of placing all highways in the state under the state highway commission, E. E. East, chief engineer of the Auto Club, championed and explained the proposed plan, and Joseph A. Mellen, highway engineer of the county regional planning commission, spoke in opposition. Mellen emphasized that at present only a small portion of the gas tax collected from Southern California motorists is returned to the Southland, and he feared that if the entire control of all highways was given to the northern controlled state senate that Southern California would not get its just share of benefits.

The county board of supervisors recently passed a strong resolution in opposition to the plan proposed by the Auto Club.

Major Frank E. Benedict, lecturer, traveller and former air service officer, spoke in support of the N. R. A. He severely criticized "chiselers" stating that the man who sells his merchandise below cost cannot pay decent wages and give his employees decent working hours. He also assailed the buying public for its practice of driving long distances away from their local communities in order to save a few pennies on their purchases.

Earl Conner Off To Convention Of Postmasters

Postmaster and Mrs. C. Earl Conner left yesterday by automobile to attend the California State Postmasters' convention at San Jose, to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 19, 20 and 21. They were accompanied on the trip by Postmaster and Mrs. E. F. Huxtable of Douglas, Arizona. Highlight of the convention will be a banquet Friday evening at the Hotel St. Claire.

Postmaster General James B. Farley will be the guest of honor and principal speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Conner are expected back in Torrance Sunday.

ACCIDENT AT MILL CAUSES SHORT LAYOFF

300 Men Take Two Weeks Vacation Awaiting Temporary Repairs

An unfortunate accident at the Columbia Steel Company plant at Torrance late Monday night necessitated a temporary layoff of approximately 300 of the plant's 1600 employees until temporary repairs can be made to the gear reduction unit of the massive sheet mill drive mechanism. While more than 200 men are employed in the sheet mill, a considerable number of them were transferred to other departments of the plant which are operating as usual. Plant officials estimate that at least two weeks will be required to make such

repairs as will permit the sheet mill to resume operations. Preparations are also being made to secure new machinery which will be installed at a later date, according to company executives.

Among the contributing causes to the unfortunate breakdown of the sheet mill unit, as explained by plant officials yesterday, was the increasing load which the machinery has had to carry due to operation of the plant at full capacity. No one was injured by the accident.

A number of those forced out of employment by the accident are reported to have found temporary work at other industrial plants in Torrance, which have been expanding their payrolls during the past six months.

Local Democrats Organize to Help Creel Candidacy

Local Democrats were active this week whipping together a local organization to promote the candidacy of George Creel for governor, whom they point to as a "real Democrat." Plans were being completed for the opening of a local headquarters in the downtown section of Torrance, with Bob Lessing in charge. Ray Hoskins, chairman of the Creel campaign in the 68th assembly district, assisted in the organization work.

Sponsors of Mr. Creel's candidacy are pointing out that when President Roosevelt wanted a director of the Pacific coast for the national program, that he selected Mr. Creel, appointing him to the most responsible positions at his command, and that his election as governor will be definitely a word to the nation that California is definitely in step with the times.

His platform has been analyzed as being the most outspoken on state problems, and in his public addresses he has asked his hearers to consider the extravagant declarations of some of the candidates and apply to them and their programs the test of whether the plans are "workable."

Creel-for-Governor organizations have been formed in virtually every community of the state, lead by leading Democrats and practically the entire group which carried the standard for President Roosevelt two years ago.

Elected Delegate To Paris Meeting

Mrs. Anna Barnett, of Lomita, former secretary of the Voters League that city, has been elected a delegate to the International Women's Congress, to be held in Paris, France, on August 3-5. Mrs. Barnett represents the Southern California women's section of the American League Against War and Fascism. She will sail on the "Die de France" from New York on July 28.

Mrs. Barnett has been an active worker in her community in economic affairs and her many friends in this section will be interested to know that she has been selected for this important representative duty abroad.

FIRE DAMAGE AT COAST INSULATING

Fire damaged a conveyor at the Coast Insulating Company plant on Border avenue, this morning, to the amount of about \$100. The city fire department was called to put out the blaze.